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Summit of Hope Aims to Help Ex-Offenders Transition Smoothly Back Into Society

(Springfield, IL) -- The Illinois Department of Corrections is hosting its annual Summit of Hope in Springfield this Wednesday, June 8th. Five hundred people who are on parole or probation have been invited to attend the event, where they can get assistance moving past barriers that prevent them from leading a successful life.

The Summit of Hope is a program designed to meet the critical needs of those who have recently been released back into the community. These men and women are working to become productive members of society and the services available to them at the Summit are often the difference between success and failure. The objective of the Summit is to reduce the recidivism rate by giving parolees and probationers the "Hope" they need to live a life free of crime. A crime-free life for ex-offenders translates into safer communities for everyone.

MEDIA ADVISORY

WHAT: The Summit of Hope, an expo organized and run by the Illinois Department of Corrections

WHEN: Wednesday, June 8th.

TIME: 9a.m. until 12p.m. Media should arrive around 9:30a.m.

WHERE: Illinois State Fair Grounds, Orr Building, 801 E. Sangamon Avenue, Springfield, IL 62702

WHO WILL PARTICIPATE: Springfield Urban League, Narcotics Anonymous, Molina Health Care of Illinois, Memorial Behavioral Health, Highway Construction Careers at Lincoln Land Community College, and more.

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